# Pac Coast Joint Response Team Meeting January 22, 2004 San Diego, CA

### **Pac Coast JRT Agencies**

Armada De Mexico (Co-Chair)

US Coast Guard D11 (Co-Chair)

Region IX Regional Response Team (16 U.S. Agencies)

US Environmental Protection Agency RIX

US Department of the Interior (OEPC)

(USFWS, BIA, NPS, MMS, BLM)

US Department of Energy

US General Services Administration

State of California OSPR

US Department Commerce (NOAA)

US Department of Labor (OSHA)

PROFEPA- Mexican Environmental Protection Agency

Secretarid de Salud – Secretary of Health

State of Baja – Institute of Health (state)

California Office of Emergency Services

Mexican Customs – Tijuana & Ensenada Offices

**US Customs** 

**US** Immigration

FEMA Department of State

**Civil Protection PEMEX** 

CICESE (Scientific Investigation Center)

SAGARPA – National Commerce of Water

State of Baja California

Captain of the Port, Ensenada

## **History of MEXUS**

MEXUS - a joint agreement between Mexico and US to prepare joint plans and joint teams to respond to oil spills in marine waters that may impact both the US and Mexico, and to pool expertise, personnel, and equipment in this effort.

1980 – US/Mexico accord to protect marine waters

2000 – MEXUSPLAN

2003 – MEXUSPAC

**MEXUSGULF** 

2004 – JRT Meeting San Diego SONS 04'

### **Goals of PAC JRT**

- Dispersant Use Near Boarder
  - i. Notification protocols
- Ballast Water

- i. Cruse ships
- ii. Commercial
- iii. Exotic Species
- iv. Black/Gray Water
- v. Hazardous Waste
- Cross Boarder Issues (Customs)
  - i. Personnel
- Joint Training Opportunities
  - i. RIC/NIC September 03' Oakland
  - ii. ICS (200/300) February 24-26, 04' Ensenada
  - iii. Dispersant Workshop Week of 3/22/04 Ensenada (tentative)
  - iv. Other Training on SONS Website http://www.cal sons 04.nsf
- Share Information
- Exercise MEXUSPAC
- Improve MEXUSPLAN/MEXUSPAC
- JRT Website
- JRT Member Certificate
- KNOW YOUR COUNTERPART AGENCY
  - i. Share Information
  - ii. Hold Agency related Training
  - iii. Establish MOU/MOAs

Next JRT Meeting Planned: August 11-12, 2004 Ensenada

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **MEXUS**

- There will be the identification of sub-committees to review certain sections of the annex.
- The SONS project will include the activation of the Annex
- Taking notes and documenting lessons learned will be presented at the JRT Meeting
- The SONS is considered the second drill, the first drill was the table top exercise in Ensenada.
- There is a need to hold an annual scheduled table top exercise or equipment deployment exercise.

The JRT technically owns the Mexus Plan

There is a need to identify Joint Training Opportunities.

**Mexican Liaisons** 

Liaisons for both countries will be required in Command, Operations, Planning, Logistics, Public Affairs

Los Angeles – will take care of their AOA (Orange County and LA County)

San Diego will take care of San Diego County

CDR Black: SONS

Within the first day, the OSC will realize the spill is a national incident. There will be a change from a regional incident command to a national incident command. This will be a Large Complex Incident, Headquarters in Washington DC and the Secretary of Homeland Security will be required to participate.

This incident will have the participation of multiple agencies, entities, state, local, federal, and other interested parties.

The Coast Guard and the American Petroleum Institute, for the exercise will have a fictitious name for the responsible party. The fictitious company will be made up of members of the American Petroleum Institute will be part, of the enacting. Texaco, Conoco, and Chevron will be participating.

Dates for the SONS will be

April 19, briefing and travel

April 20, the incident will occur

April 23, hot wash and lessons learned

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Mexico – Ensenada

The NIC will most likely be in Orange County at Los Alamitos

The SONS will want to test the exchange of Liaisons, the unified command and all aspects of the Incident Command

The liaisons will be the communication conduits

There is a need to identify bilingual liaisons that understand the pollution language.

D11 and Z-2 will need to establish protocol and SOP for communications

There will be training for liaisons in March

There will also be work for how the communication will travel from the NIC to the

JRT.